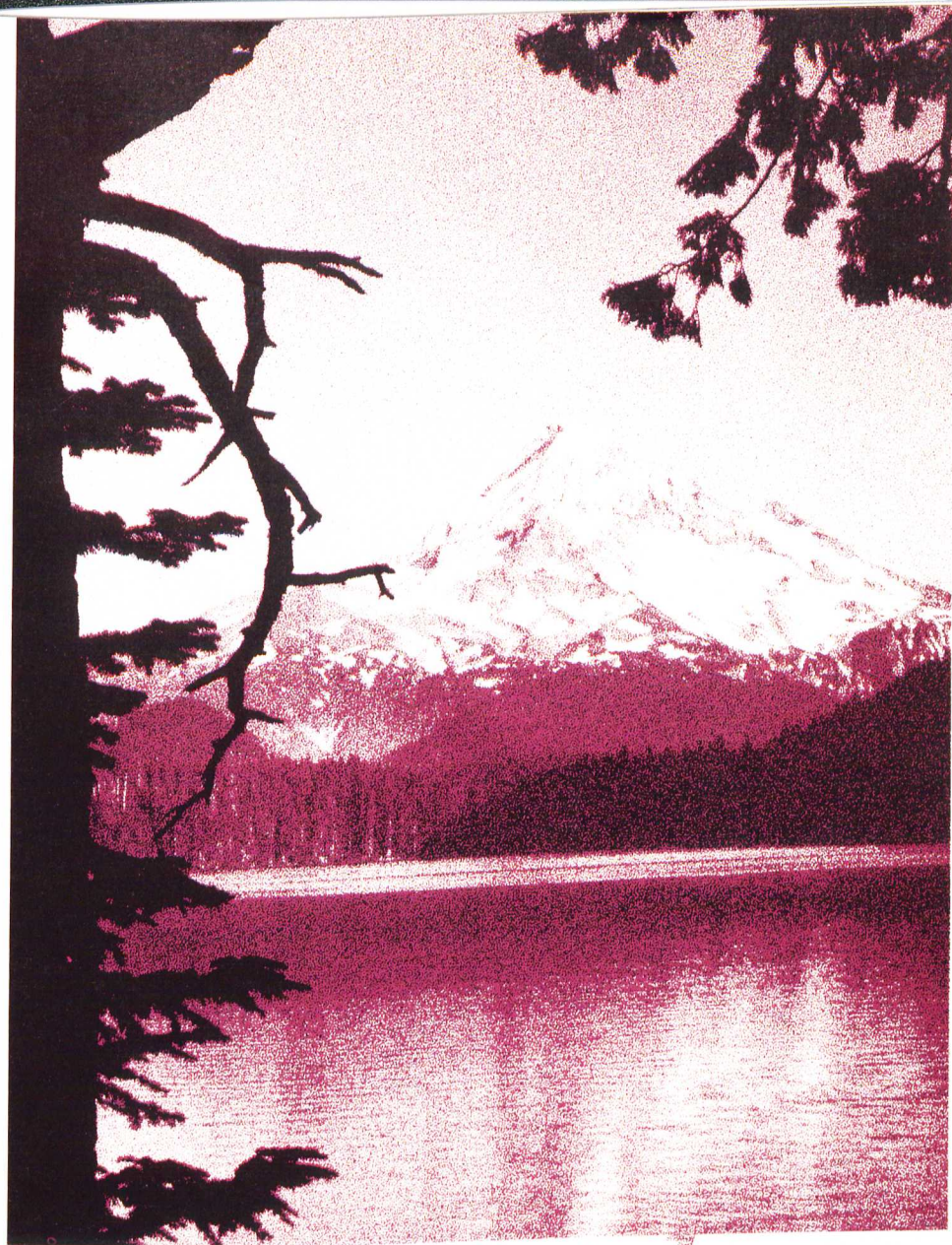




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Creative Arts Contest

Thanks for the opportunity given to put our thoughts and inspiration on paper. I guess I would burst if it were not for this outlet.

**Diane Thomas
Grifton, NC**

Enclosed is a poem entitled, "The Shuttle" which was written after watching the launching close up while in Florida. There is nothing to compare with seeing it first hand instead of on T.V.

**Winona Riggs
Algood, TN**

Here are my contest entries. Sometimes it's hard for me to put down on paper the way I feel and sometimes I don't know when to stop!

**Odessa Ledlow
Sylacauga, AL**

I have been a member of the Woman's Auxiliary for several years and really enjoy our meetings. I love writing and some of the ladies encouraged me to enter the contest.

**Maxine McCullar
Spiro, OK**

Enclosed are some poems . . . God gave me comfort to release my heart when I had no one to share it with.

**Shirley Faucette
Jamestown, NC**

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts.

**Saundra Teague
Waynesville, NC**

Thanks for the opportunity to write . . . I buy blank books and write poems inside and give these as gifts to friends and loved ones. I also cut pictures from greetings cards and paste in the books, on the bottom or on blank pages. Then I take colored chalk and paint on this tissue paper and go over the picture. This makes the edges around the picture the same color or blends with the color on the picture.

In this way I feel that I'm doing something for my dear Lord who is so marvelous to me.

**Winnie Franklin
Oxford, MS**

Our Missionaries Write

We appreciate the women in our denomination. We cannot forget them because everywhere we turn in our home is something that reminds us of their sharing through the Provision

Closet . . . We are hoping to have our family together here in Brazil for Christmas this year.

Geneva Poole, Brazil

For many years I have been an auxiliary member and officer, but never thought we'd be on the "receiving end" of missions. Thanks for all the supplies from the Provision Closet.

Judy Runyan, Virgin Islands

My name is Alicia. I am three years old. My doctor in Columbia told my mommie and daddy that I needed to have my foot fixed before we went to Panama so I could walk better. I must be really important because they wanted to leave for Panama in January real bad.

Brenda Bunch for Alicia, Panama

Appreciation

The enlistment program, "Reach Out And Touch" was very good. We had six women to join the night it was presented.

**Betty Reeves
Farmington, MO**

I especially enjoyed "Closed Doors." I'm so glad that God in His wisdom knows when we are able and willing to accept open doors.

**Mary Ann Lowe
Elizabethton, TN**

Thank you so much for printing the article on my mother (Annie Heath). She has given of herself

through the years. I am especially grateful you published it while she is still living.

**Agatha Hill
Cove City, NC**

Our auxiliary has decided to disband but we still wish to have the magazine delivered to us. We like the lessons, articles, and helpful information that you regularly have in **Co-Laborer**.

**Sue Barnhart
Corcoran, CA**

Ladies, let's pray

Lura Gebhart has learned she has cancer of the lung . . . She loves each missionary and is saddened she has been unable to answer their letters. She has always been so faithful to keep us posted on particular needs of the missionaries.

**Nadine Hood
Tulsa, OK**

Early March Cleo Pursell underwent surgery for a non-malignant lesion of the lung. Pray for perfect healing in her behalf.

Used Postage Stamps

Some of you have called or written expressing concern that WNAC may unwittingly be involved in the postage stamp fraud. Here is a statement from our "dealer."

. . . "stamps sold by WNAC are used by private collectors . . . or through the Ben Franklin Clubs of USPS."

Words For Women

Mary R. Wisehart



WALKING INTO TOMORROW

If you could decide and absolutely wipe out everything in yesterday which you did not wish to carry into tomorrow, what would you choose for tomorrow to replace the old?

I would keep all the joyous moments, the intimate times with God, the laughter of children, the smell of a rose, the touch of a friend.

I wish I could erase all my petty complaints and reactions, all my lack of love and acceptance, all my moments of irritation and anger, and all my failures in discipline.

But as human beings we bear yesterday's stamp. As Ken Walker said in a message at Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1985, "What has been cannot be as though it had not been," not for us anyway.

Yet God has not left us captives to yesterday. Paul wrote, "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before." Had he erased absolutely the past? No, he had just painfully recalled it. Instead he chose to build on the past to new heights.

God says, "I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten" (Joel 2:25). You know who sent the locust? God himself as a judgment on the sins of His people. Yet He promised to restore those lost years, and He does the same for us.

We have just celebrated 50 years of WNAC. We could look abck and point out all the failures, mistakes, and inadequacies of the past. We could complain about how much more we could have done if—We could weep that we have not made more progress.

Instead let's pick and choose. Let's choose some things to deliberately carry into tomorrow with us from WNAC's past, and then forget, in Paul's sense, both the failures and the triumphs and move on to greater things through God's grace.

Let's take these things from the past.

PURPOSE—to get all of us involved in the Great Commission, laboring together with God to reach the world with the gospel

VISION—of a lost world

of what many Free Will Baptists working together can accomplish of an educational system for training our young people as church leaders

DEDICATION—giving ourselves first to God and then to those around us

STEWARDSHIP—practicing and teaching that we are to use all God gives us, both material possessions and time and talents, for His kingdom

SPIRITUAL DEPTH AND WISDOM—that which came through prayer, study, and seeking God's face

UNITY—the desire to work together, not concerned about getting credit (except in God's records) and loving and sharing with one another

Then what new things shall we choose for tomorrow? Let's take some giant steps for God.

In July we will be considering some new steps.

One important one is a national project. Can we all join together to do something more than we've ever done before?

Another exciting possibility is beginning a full-size **Co-Laborer** magazine to be published bimonthly. (A monthly magazine was approved by WNAC in 1944!)

These may sound like giant steps, especially when you see the budget! Yet, building on the foundation laid, I believe we can take these steps toward greater things in the future.

We long to reach more for Christ and to involve more women in this ministry. We are urging our women to reach out to all those around them with the gospel. Christ has chosen us to build His Church. Any true growth of our auxiliaries and churches must come as we labor together with Him, adding others to His body.

Let's walk into this tomorrow for WNAC, then, expecting His wonders on our behalf. He has promised, but we must also do our part; let's attempt great things for Him. We serve the God of the impossible. Mrs. Fannie Polston liked to remind the women of that fact.

The Faithful One, the great I Am has said: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my father" (John 14:12).

Letters, continued

The lesson on Bible Survey was great! It really helped me since I'm not very knowledgeable of the Old Testament. If the next lesson is any better than this one, I don't know if I can stand it!

Sherry Escue
Ashland City, TN

Thanks for the Co-Laborer. It not only encourages me to write and spend time in God's Word, it also teaches me many wonderful truths.

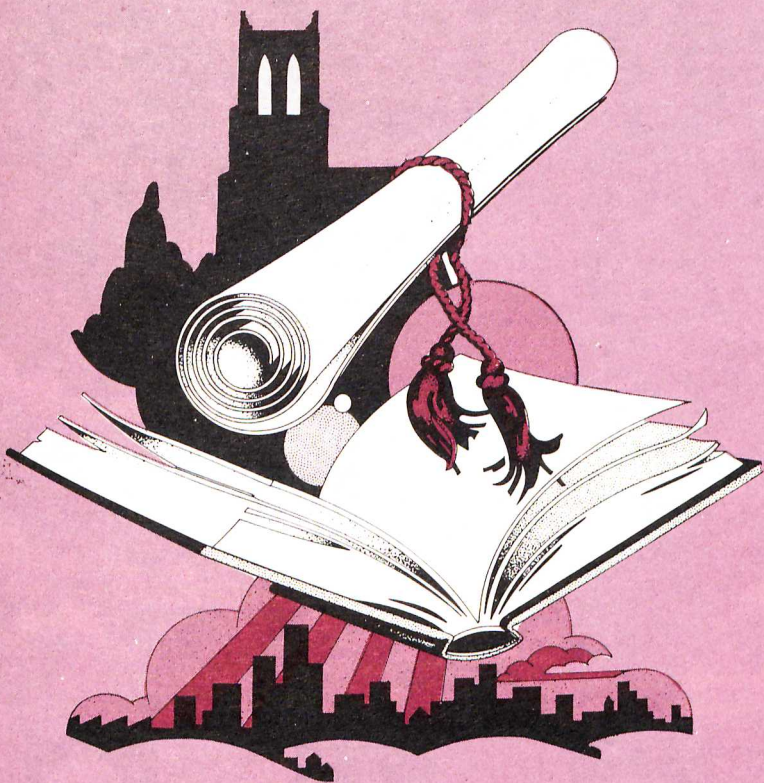
Dorita Suggs
Ahoskie, NC

Our auxiliary has grown and we need three more Co-Laborers.

Loretta Turner
Deep Run, NC

OPEN UP HORIZONS

Support the
MEMORIAL STUDENT LOAN FUND



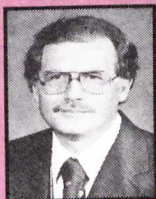
The Memorial Student Loan Fund helps needy and worthy students complete their Christian education at the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Since the auxiliary is a missionary service of the church, one of the best means to reach our goal is through assisting students to obtain Christian training that they might more effectively carry out the Great Commission.

September is Student Loan Fund emphasis on the auxiliary calendar. Each auxiliary is requested to receive an offering and send it through the regular channels to the WNAC office.

Specific information pertaining to the securing of a loan may be obtained by writing:

Woman's National Auxiliary Convention
Memorial Student Loan Fund
P. O. Box 1088
Nashville, TN 37202

GOD'S WONDERS FOR TOMORROW



Sherwood Lee



Vada Lee



Cleo Pursell

Free Will Baptist women everywhere are invited to join hands. Step together into tomorrow with the Woman's Auxiliary and share in God's wonders!

Woman's National Auxiliary Convention

July 20, 21, 1986

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Convention Information

Activities will begin Monday afternoon at 1:30 with a Pre-Convention seminar in the Radisson Excelsior. Practical helps for women and church growth will be presented by Martha Everson, Diane Thomas, Tillie Oliver and Linda Harvey.

The annual President's and Field Worker's meeting convenes at 3:00. The new executive secretary-treasurer, Mary Ruth Wischart, requests all states to be represented for a glimpse into God's wonders for tomorrow through the Woman's Auxiliary. These concrete proposals were formulated from last year's survey.

The annual convention begins at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday morning in the Tulsa Convention Center. Sherwood Lee, who has completed three terms of missionary service in Ivory Coast, Africa, will address the convention at 11:00. His wife, Vada, will bring devotions.

The afternoon session will further develop the theme with a missionary presentation, "The Wonder of Children."

The fellowship dinner at 5:00 on Tuesday evening rounds out the WNAC activities. Our own Mrs. Cleo Pursell, former executive secretary-treasurer, will speak to guests in the International Ballroom of the Radisson Excelsior. All sessions, except the convention proper, will meet in this hotel.

Will your auxiliary be represented?

Each state convention is entitled to 15 delegates plus its president and field worker. Where there is no organized state, a district may be represented with five delegates plus local presidents. A local may represent with three delegates if there is no district. In addition, any local auxiliary may send one delegate and pay \$3.00 at the booth. **Secretaries**, send annual reports (whether or not you send a delegate) to: Peggy Outland, 611 Glenpark Ct., Nashville, TN 37217.

Treasurers, please send your report and membership dues of \$1.50 per member to: Mary Wischart, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202.

Yes! I want to attend the WNAC Fellowship Dinner. I understand each ticket is \$11.50 and includes tax and tip.

Name _____

Address _____

I wish to purchase a ticket for the following missionary:

_____ Number tickets requested

_____ Amount enclosed

Refunds available through July 1. Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request.

SHARE

A



by Genny Waddell

Answers to Life's Difficult Questions

By Richard Warren

Victor Books

Wheaton, Illinois

130 pages

Pastor Richard Warren offers "sound advice from Bible characters who have already asked the questions" in **Answers to Life's Difficult Questions**. The writer establishes his priorities from the beginning by saying that this is not another self-improvement book, "based on popular opinion and current thinking." Instead, the book centers on the Christian's need to build his life on Jesus. Warren says, "Lasting freedom from personal hang-ups comes from building our lives on the truth. Only the Bible can be totally depended on to provide truthful insights into the causes and cures for our personal problems."

This is an extremely practical and readable book. Each of the twelve chapters contains one- or two-paged, individually titled subdivisions which lend themselves to being read in a very brief timespan. Each section is like a self-contained, brief devotional segment. And the questions are ones which relate to ordinary people living

in the "Real World," day after day. The chapter titles themselves forced me to open the book immediately:

How Can I Cope with Stress?
How Can I Rebound from Failure?
How Can I Defeat Depression?
How Can I Live above Average?
How Can I Have Peace of Mind?
How Can I Handle Discouragement?
How Can I Overcome My Problems?
How did I Get Myself into This Mess?
Why Is This Happening to Me?
How Can I Overcome Loneliness?

Warren uses a host of biblical characters to illustrate his points, including Peter, Moses, Jehoshaphat, Jacob, Samson, Elijah, and others.

I personally like this book. Its practical use of the scriptures ministered to my needs. I will pick this book up again and again when I have a problem in the areas covered by Warren, who continually points the reader to Jesus, the Answer to all of Life's problems.

The poet's CORNER



Mamie Kennedy, Fresno, California, daughter of a deacon, was married to a deacon for 27 years before being left widowed some 23 years ago. Their five children blessed them with 48 grand and great grandchildren.

Mrs. Kennedy teaches Sunday school at the Clovis FWB church, is involved in Woman's Auxiliary, and serves as a volunteer at the Valley Children's Hospital in Fresno. Her hobbies include sewing, crocheting, flower arrangement (which she uses to help decorate the church), and, of course, writing poetry.

Mrs. Kennedy began quoting during her pre-school years and began writing it in the fifth grade. Some are humorous, some serious. Most are Christian. She composes poetry to go along with the monthly **Co-Laborer** programs. She has written two songs to add to her collection of approximately 150 poems.

"If this poetry can be used for God's glory to win lost souls," Mrs. Kennedy states, "it will be a great reward for me." She knows of at least one person who was saved when she read one of her poems.

SAME HERE AS THERE

Are you the same at home
as you are in the church?
Or do you leave your family
out in the lurch?
When your children need help
do you shoo them away?
And never get back to them
until another day?

Their souls may be crying
for your help today,
To guide them toward heaven
and God's eternal day.
This may be the last time
they'll ask your advice,
So don't let their needs
be a lost sacrifice.

So take the time to listen,
hold out a helping hand,
And you and they together
will reach the promised land.
How happy you will be then
you took the time to care
And led to Him your charges
and heaven's joys to share.





I Slept With A Missionary

Diane Mitchell Thomas

I grew up in a three-bedroom home with ten other people, so I can sleep most anywhere I lay my head. I'm usually the one who volunteers to bunk with a stranger on a prayer retreat. But even I have my limits—I am not comfortable beside a missionary.

Not that I consider myself too good. Quite the opposite. I place them on a pedestal, a notch above average. And I am so—you know—average.

My worst fears were realized at our recent state retreat. My registration card assigned me high up on the 17th floor. I pulled my overnight case in as I jumped into the crowded elevator. It swallowed me up as it made its ascent, stopping at each floor and spewing out its chattering, excited women.

After the 15th floor, I was left alone with one other passenger. I recognized her immediately. I had seen her picture many times, had prayed for her. She was the missionary. She didn't know me from Adam.

What do you do when you're alone with a real live missionary? Not a prayer card face, but an in-the-flesh foreign field missionary? "Hi," she spoke and smiled a sweet, gracious, humble smile. I crouched. I decided to keep right on going when the elevator stopped at the 17th floor. But the 17th floor **was** the top. I stayed and introduced myself.

There were two beds in the room, one of which was already taken by the book table workers. The realization that I, Diane Mitchell Thomas, fresh from the farm, would share the covers with one of God's missionaries was astounding. I wasn't worthy! But as I shared the quiet of the night with her, I learned some things that I promised I would tell you.

Now this will come as a shock, but I discovered that missionaries are regular people. They are one of us. I know because I saw her brush her teeth and I spied deodorant among her toiletries. As my missionary and I talked, she actually conversed with me. She told me things she wished that you knew.

She wants you to know that missionaries love to stay in the homes of lay-people. "We usually stay with the pastor or in a motel," she told me. "I prefer to be with the people," she confessed. "The best way to win the prayers and support of our people is for them to get to know us personally."

She shared examples of dedicated friends she had made by being guests in their homes. "Lifetime friends," she said. "I think too often missionaries are put on a pedestal." (I pulled the covers over my head.) "People think their furniture isn't good enough, or they have inadequate time to prepare an elaborate meal."

She told me about a meal she had shared in one home. "It was a peanut butter sandwich," she remembered. "I hadn't had one in such a long time and it was so-o-o good."

"I miss the fellowship with our people," she confessed. "The hectic pace of today's society has interfered with the privilege of staying in homes like we once did. I think people would be more interested in the mission field and more burdened to pray if they heard a firsthand account."

"I like being with our people," she spoke through the darkness of the room. She sounded so lonely. I felt sad. I wanted to help **my** missionary.

We lay silent for a time, then I spoke. "I'll tell them," I told her.

"Huh?" she asked sleepily.

"I write for Free Will Baptists and I'll tell them. I'll tell them what you said."

"Oh, I wish you would."

Then we both fell asleep, but not before I heard a very ordinary, very average, very unspiritual sound—my missionary was snoring!

And so now you know. Missionaries love us like we love them. They may not know our names as we are privileged to know theirs, but they love us. Our faces are not taped to their refrigerator as a reminder to pray, but they long to be with us. They want to come down from the pedestal so they can touch our lives and have our lives touch theirs. They are people, just like you and me.

There. I told you. And to my missionary friend far away in Brazil, I bid you "goodnight."

And you really did snore!

Call unto me, and I will answer thee,
and show thee great and mighty
things which thou knowest not.



CIRCLE THE WORLD WITH PRAYER

Call missionary hotline for current requests:
615-361-5005

Meditation for July

Eunice Edwards

How To Pray Effectively

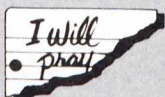
There seems to be a "How-To . . ." book about everything under the sun except simple, spiritual subjects. In fact, with the wealth of literature available a person is often perplexed as to which authority is the best. There is a flood of answers to questions which, as Bill Gaither says, "no one is asking anyhow."

1. Ask God to speak to **your** heart first. Allow God to shine His spotlight in the remote recesses of your heart. If the Holy Spirit reveals sin there, ask God to immediately cleanse and forgive. You cannot pray effectively if sin is present. He tells us, "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear" (Isa. 59:21).

2. Ask Him for specific needs. We tend to pray a multitude of words, but fail to ask specifically for any one thing. Ask for definite needs by name, place, and circumstance. David's prayer in Psalm 51 was for his need of forgiveness.

3. Ask that His will be done. A child will beg for poison if it is attractively displayed, but we do not give it to him. Our God **must** refuse those things that hinder our growth in Christ. He is God! He knows best! Trust Him. Jesus asked that His Father's will be done. We can do no less.

4. Claim His promises to you. Read His Word aloud. He waits to bless you, and will, if you are living in the place of blessing. The place of blessing for you is however, whatever, and wherever He places you. May you each experience the reality of Ephesians 3:20 in your lives.



- ☐ Pray for the Mexican Association of Free Will Baptists as it meets August 1-3, on the grounds of the Bible Institute in Monterrey, N.L. Pray for the moderator, Sr. Javier Gallegos, as he conducts the business and worship sessions; pray for the delegates from the 16 churches and missions throughout Mexico. Pray for Fred and Barbara Jones, Bible Institute directors.
- ☐ Pray for Mike and Vicky Mutchler as they lead the new church in Portland, OR. They have outgrown their rented facilities and need land and a building of their own. Pray these needs would be supplied.
- ☐ Former missionaries, Archie and Sarah Mayhew, have returned to Ivory Coast for a year to help relieve the work load of our missionaries in that country. Pray for unusual health, wisdom, and a sense of God's direction.
- ☐ Jim and Vicky Sturgill have begun a new work in Pauliceia, Brazil. Pray for this work under national leadership as the Sturgills return to the states for furlough.

Meditation for August

How To . . .

Pray Effectively Through Praise and Thanksgiving

More is said in the Bible about praise than about prayer. We need to praise Him more. We need to thank Him more. Psalm 22:3 tells us that God inhabits our praise and praise should automatically flow from a heart overflowing with love and gratitude for Who He is and what He has done in our lives.

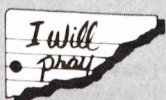
1. Honor His name. "That men may know that thou, whose name alone is Jehovah, art the most high over all the earth" (Ps. 83:18).

As we honor His name we are drawn closer to Him. As we study the names ascribed to God and relate them to our lives, we know Him more intimately. We owe Him our devotion and our reverence.

2. Count His blessings. Actually this is beyond our ability, but make a deliberate effort to try! Take pencil and paper and begin to write down the blessings you have received from Him today. Go through the alphabet and praise Him for blessings beginning with each letter.

Spend time praising Him for these blessings. Then—wait silently for Him to speak. Listen to Him. We owe Him our respect.

3. Praise Him through reading His Word. Read with undivided attention. Concentrate on what He is saying in each particular passage. He never wrote a verse to fill up space. His words are for our good and His glory. Be generous with your praise and reverence. We owe Him the courtesy of our attention.



- ☐ Pray for the three unsaved men who have been attending the Iriso church in Tokyo where Fred Hersey ministers. Pray they will soon understand the plan of salvation and accept Christ into their lives.
- ☐ Pray for the women missionaries who minister at WNAC's national retreat at Ridgcrest, August 27-29. Pray the women will respond to missions with a deeper commitment than ever before.
- ☐ Pray for the joint project workers employed by the state mission boards and the National Home Missions Board. Those who are close to bringing their churches to self-supporting status are Cliff Donoho, Salem, IL; Danny Hester, Bartlesville, OK; Ron Wallace, Marietta, GA; Bob White, Paducah, KY; and Jim Williams, Carthage, MO.
- ☐ Pray for Grady and Judy Runyon who have assumed the Free Will Baptist work in St. Croix, Virgin Islands. Pray for the Christian day school sponsored by the church as it seeks to add more students and reach their parents for Christ.

Meditation for September

How To . . .

Pray Effectively For Others

Praying for others is what is known as intercessory prayer. God's Word encourages us to intercede on the behalf of others. Here are some suggestions to guide us.

1. We must accept God's will. We must bend our will to God's will before we pray for it. Intercessory prayer is a most sacred privilege, not a magical amulet we use according to our pride or whim.

For example, God heals a person only when we pray in His will. God's Word makes it clear that all men must die, so He does not prolong life except in His will and in His way.

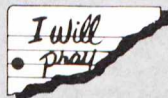
"... we do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding (Col. 1:9)."

2. What is thy petition? Esther stood before the king in fear and trembling. She was convinced she was to intercede for her people who were in grave danger of being destroyed. Yet she risked death. She approached the king with a humble attitude and won his favor. He raised the sceptre and asked, "What is thy petition?" (Esther 5:6; 7:2)

We approach the King of kings burdened down with the cares of family, church and community and a lost world. We must enter His presence in recognition for Who He is. He is kind enough to recognize our presence, but we can't demand favors. We only seek His face, His will and His wisdom as we make our needs known.

3. Our missionary program rests on the pivotal of intercessory prayer. Why is it that trained veteran missionaries come home in broken health and defeat? Why do many others struggle with opposition and oppression? Is it possible that we at home have let go of the ropes? Or loosened the grip?

How much do we really know about intercessory praying?



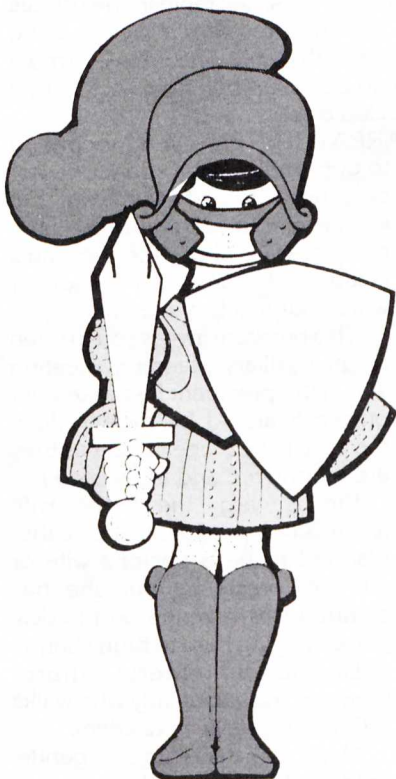
- ☐ Pray for the Ernest Hollands and the Dr. Kenneth Eagletons who have begun language school in Europe. Pray for all the adjustments that must be made with the children, culture, etc.
- ☐ Pray for mission pastors in building programs, such as Steve Cannon in Richmond, Virginia; Hughes Ellis in Paris, Tennessee; and Mark Vandivort in Flagstaff, Arizona. Pray that adequate funds would come in to complete these projects.
- ☐ Pray for laborers to answer the call to needy areas in the United States where there is no evangelical witness. Pray for these cities without a Free Will Baptist church: Spokane, WA; Salt Lake City, UT; Las Vegas, NV; Butte, MT; Fargo, ND; Minneapolis, MN; New York City, NY; and Boston, MA
- ☐ Pray for the church in Panama City, Panama while the Steve Lytles are on furlough. As Steve wrote recently, "This year at the church we hope to have a family retreat, VBS, revival meeting, a series of conferences on marriage and the family, along with the regular services." Pray for the leaders as they carry on in the Lytles' absence.

MORE THAN CONQUERORS

To inform the entire church of the purpose and work of the auxiliary.
To involve every woman in the auxiliary.

To financially assist WNAC.

To show that the Woman's Auxiliary is engaged in a battle; that the Woman's National Auxiliary convention offers weapons to effectively conquer the enemy and gain the victory.



Scripture: Romans 8:37

Participants: Narrator and the executive committee of a local auxiliary.

Presentation: This skit may be given strictly as a planning session in which the weapons are mentioned.

Or if a more elaborate presentation is desired, the officers could be armed from an armory set up on stage. Each one would be given a life-size sword and shield cut from grey poster board.

Preparation: Prepare prayer reminders to distribute at the conclusion of the program. Cut miniature swords and shields from construction paper and write missionary requests on the back.

Publicity: make a poster (as illustrated) and display the week before your scheduled emphasis program.

This one-act play in one scene requires no props or costuming. Each woman carries a pencil and a notebook into which her script is inserted. The chairs are arranged in a semi-circle with a small table in the middle before the president. Place a world globe on the table. The WNAC Armory could be set up behind a curtain or a labeled door.

NARRATOR: Thank you for coming to our emphasis program. We not only hope to entertain you, but even more, to enlighten you—in a relaxed way—about the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention of which our auxiliary is a part.

This program invites you to listen to an auxiliary planning meeting which the president has asked her officers to attend. Let me introduce the cast. (The officers enter as they are introduced and are seated.)

First is Marge, the pastor's wife and auxiliary president. She neither planned to be a pastor's wife or auxiliary president, but she has planned this meeting and is desperately trying hard to be in charge.

Bessie, an elderly, sharp-tongued, impatient lady who walks with a cane, is vice-president.

Mary, the secretary, is gentle, mild and retiring with a sincere manner.

The treasurer is Lucille, intelligent, well-educated, with an unusual memory for facts and figures. She tends to a holier-than-thou attitude and is given to making cutting remarks.

Well-mannered, obliging and refined is Sally, mission prayer chairman.

Tilly is mission action chairman, bubbling with enthusiasm, light-hearted and a bit lightheaded at

times.

The last officer is Freda, mission study chairman, who is calm, cool and collected.

Let's listen as this group plans its annual emphasis program.

MADGE: Thank you, ladies, for coming to this planning session. You know it's time for our annual emphasis program promoting the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention. No question about it, we are in the midst of a battle, but the Bible tells us in Romans 8:37 that we are more than conquerors. It's certain we won't win any battles by wandering around on the battlefield trying to look saintly.

In order to live victorious lives, we must know where the battlefield is, who the enemy is, and what weapons we need for victory. To channel our thoughts in the right direction, let's think about the battlefield. This world reminds us that we are in the world, but not of the world.

TILLY: (sings or hums) This world is not my home, I'm just a passing through; my treasures are laid up, somewhere beyond the blue . . .

MADGE: You're so right, Tilly. We often have to be reminded that our citizenship is in heaven, but we have a job to do first. Before our Lord went back to heaven, He left us with a Great Commission. You all do know what that is, don't you?

FREDA: It means obeying Him when He told us to go into all the world and make disciples of all men.

MADGE: Exactly. So that means the battlefield is any place where Satan is in control. The Bible calls him the prince of the power of the air, you know. So now that we have located the battlefield, let's identify

the enemy.

BESSIE: Our husbands—they're the enemy! John raises Cain every time I mention auxiliary. He calls our meetings hen parties and gossip sessions.

MADGE: Have you tried to tell John what the auxiliary really does?

BESSIE: I do not! I tell him to peddle his papers. What I do for the Lord is none of his business.

MADGE: To be sure, Satan is trying to take over our homes and families, but husbands aren't the enemy. They're on our side! They only need a few facts.

LUCILLE: Bessie, John would be impressed if he realized that last year Foreign Missions received \$158,633.25 from the Woman's Auxiliaries and Home missions, \$71,496.30. More than \$71,000 was given to Bible Colleges. Cash gifts to mission projects, youth camps, retired ministers and childrens' homes exceeded \$34,000. Non-cash gifts were more than \$66,500, including approximately \$39,000 in gifts to the Missionary Provision Closet. Total cash and non-cash gifts made a total of \$358,288.38.

BESSIE: John sure would be impressed if I told him that! He'd think I'd turned into a computer!

FREDA: Since Satan is our enemy, what Bessie said about John makes me suspect the very lack of information is one of the weapons he uses against WNAC in our effort to fulfill the Great Commission.

TILLY: What about Sister Green? She says missionaries should have to sacrifice, and she sure wiped me out when I asked her to give to support the Pinkertons in Africa.

LUCILLE: Maybe she doesn't realize

how much it takes to keep a missionary on the field or how much we really have for ourselves.

MADGE: No, Sister Green isn't the enemy. Not everyone shares the same philosophy of giving as the auxiliary. Perhaps our lack of commitment is an enemy. I've noticed that when God gets our heart He also gets our pocketbook.

MARY: Jesus healed the sick. Is sickness one of Satan's weapons?

BESSIE: And what about loneliness? We have some widows in this church who are terribly lonely.

FREDA: How about grief and sorrow and poverty?

TILLY: Indifference, apathy and laziness, too. And could even television be a weapon of Satan?

SALLY: Busyness. Sometimes my life seems pulled into all directions.

LUCILLE: I'm a bit ashamed to mention this, but what about hate and scorn and even prejudice? I have some neighbors I can't stand, so shiftless and dirty. And you should have seen how some people reacted when a black family looked at the house for sale. I wonder how missionaries endure uncivilized people all the time?

MARGE: "Where there is no vision, the people perish." No missionary vision, lack of concern . . .

SALLY: Let's don't forget prayerlessness. I just read where another missionary family had to return to the States because of ill health. Discouragement and defeat are real weapons the devil uses. Our missionaries beg us to uphold them in prayer, and we promise to. And then we forget or become insensitive to their needs.

MARGE: We all recognize the weapons of the enemy, don't we—

ignorance, lack of commitment, prayerlessness, an unloving attitude. Now let's talk about the weapons we need to combat the enemy. **(They all look one toward the other in silence.)** One reason every woman in the church should be involved in the Woman's Auxiliary is because the WNAC has provided the weapons needed to fight the enemy.

TILLY: Well, then let's march right over there and get armed!

MADGE: That's a good idea. **(Each one is given a sword and shield cut from gray poster board. Mark 16:5 is printed on the sword and the words—Commitment, Information, Prayer, and Love in Action—are printed on the shield. The armed women stand in a row facing the audience.)**

MADGE: These weapons represent a united front against the forces of the enemy. In unity there is strength.

BESSIE: They represent a great fellowship of Christian women, a deepening of one's spiritual life through retreats, conventions, and a wealth of Christian literature.

MARY: And opportunities for development through the creative arts contest where we may contribute programs, articles, poems, plays and art.

LUCILLE: Good stewardship is a strong weapon as we realize we are accountable not only for the way we use our time, talents, possessions, but also our money. Our little bit of money is added to that of others to support the Memorial Student Loan Fund, Bible Colleges, Children's homes, and both Home and Foreign Missions.

SALLY: Prayer will always be our greatest weapon against Satan and

his wiles. As we learn more about our missionaries, we can better pray for them. As we pray, God can work.

TILLY: Love in Action projects begin in our own homes, spread to our churches, our communities, through our nation and around the world. Solid leadership is developed as women are involved according to her own personality and interests, whether it be soul winning activities, craft projects, acts of service, or reaching out in love to whoever is in need.

FREDA: Strong leadership is developed through literature and helps, officers' guides, manuals, leader's packets and, of course, the **Co-Laborer** magazine. The woman who knows is a woman who grows, and regular study classes from books suggested by the WNAC produces a united front against ignorance.

MADGE: Ladies, let's go forth to conquer. Satan may not be expecting an attack from women. Too often, we just keep the home fires burning, but even now the fires are burning out. Let's study our battle plans, commit ourselves to our Captain and go forth to become more than conquerors through Him that loves us!

Song: "We are More Than Conquerors."

Special coin folders which hold \$5 in quarters are available free from the WNAC office and are free upon request. Each member would fill a folder and put it in the offering at the close of the Emphasis program. State the number desired.

1. Pastor Harold Gilgore, Glamorgan Chapel, Wise, VA, with his auxiliary name quilt.
2. According to Sherry Hedrick, these are great ladies from Antlers, OK.
3. This Christmas dinner in the Waipahu auxiliary could well be a Mother/Daughter banquet as two sets of three generations were present. This International group has not only Caucasian, but Samoan, Japanese and Puerto Rican represented.

WOMEN IN ACTION



4. First auxiliary, Savannah, GA, pose with cookbooks which netted almost \$500 for the Luther Burns mission project in Atlanta.

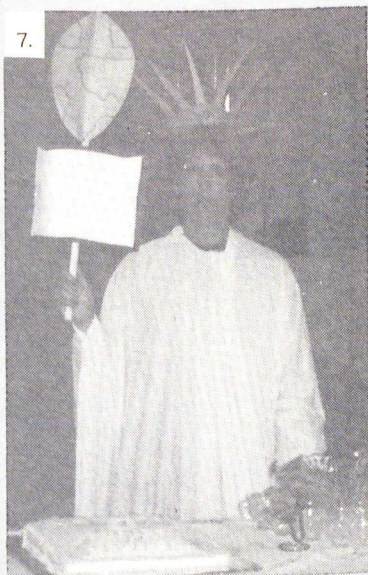
5. Debra Dees, Vernon, AL, missions banquet chairman poses with home missionaries Waldens, Alabaster, and Bill Adkisson, NM.

6. Sarah Malone, short-term missionary to France, models her tole-painted apron with the money filled pockets. Her home church, Bethel, in S. Roxana, IL, fashioned the gift.

7. Mary Alice Stafford poses as the Grand Old Lady at the Smithville, MS auxiliary. Renetta McMillan baked the cake which served 150 people.



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8. & 9. Annual Christmas dinner in the parsonage at Sylcauga, AL, with hostess Odessa Ledlow.



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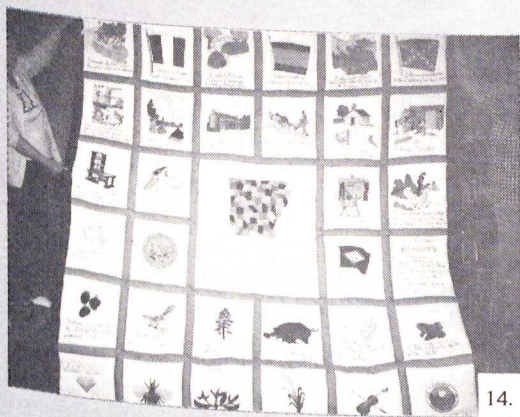
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10. Rock-a-Thon, sponsored by the Vernon, AL, auxiliary nets \$402 for missions in Japan.

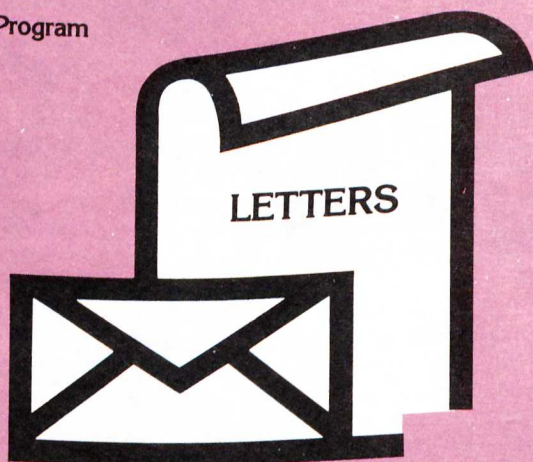
11. Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer service at the First church, Jacksonville, AR where over \$128 was received for missions. Edith Smith is president.

12. Manless wedding at the Hyde Park, VA auxiliary.

13. Belvoir Auxiliary, Greenville, NC, sponsor a baby shower for Nathan, newborn son of Pete and Kay Minor, church extension pioneers in Rhode Island.

14. Quilt depicting Arkansas history is made by O'Kean auxiliary women. The 32 blocks are painted in liquid embroidery.

15. Irish potato dinner at the Victory auxiliary, E. Wenatchee, WA. Connie Burkhart is president.



Aim: To alert us to our personal messages found in God's Word

Scripture: John 7:15-17

Music is interspersed throughout the program.

Introduction

Receiving a letter is something special! We know it probably conveys a message but in order to receive that message, we must open the envelope and read it. This also applies to our Bible. If we are to receive the messages intended especially for us, we must open it often.

Have you thought of the sacrifice the writers of the New Testament letters had to make in order to send their messages to fellow Christians? The time involved, the writing materials, limited lighting? We do not know the type of pen used, but we picture them laboring over a parchment scroll with a feather quill, dipping into the ink time after time as each stroke is lovingly penned. A slow, painstaking process indeed, but they wrote, compelled by the Holy Spirit.

Let's look at some of the different

categories of letters revealed in God's Word.

The Summons

We think of a summons as being delivered to our door by an uniformed member of the sheriff's department ordering us in court on a certain day at a certain time.

In Luke 2, there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. And Joseph and Mary left their home in Galilee to go into the city of David, a small town called Bethlehem, where Jesus was born. The summons set the machine in operation for the fulfillment of prophecy.

The summons still goes forth today that summons all men to salvation. The time is now. He waits to save.

(Sing the first stanza of "Look and Live," or read the words as a poem.)

The Birth Announcement

When we open one of these miniature envelopes, we rejoice with the new parents. They want to share their good news that a new life has begun and the baby has been given a name.

The world's greatest birth announcement was given by the angels in Luke 2:10, 11. **(Read these verses.)**

When we take the ABC steps of salvation—confess, believe and accept—we are reborn and have a new name. We are called Christian! Let the whole world know!

(Sing "We've a Story to Tell To The Nations.")

The Report Card

This can be either good news or bad news, depending on the quality of the student's performance.

When Jesus was twelve years old, his family went to Jerusalem for the feast. As they started homeward, they discovered that Jesus was not with them. After three days they found Him in the temple in the midst of doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions. All that heard Him were astonished at His understanding. Even His parents were amazed at His knowledge.

As they returned home, we are told that Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man (Luke 2:52). He continued to do His homework!

What kind of progress are we making in our Christian life? Our report card is reflecting it. ("Footsteps of Jesus.")

The Pardon

When an inmate on death row, or any lawbreaker sentenced to prison, receives a pardon, it is a reprieve saying, "You're forgiven, you're free from past transgressions. You have another chance."

The Bible offers many examples of this act of mercy. Abraham followed God's instructions and prepared to offer Isaac, his beloved son, on the altar. The moment the knife was raised, God offered the pardon, and a ram replaced Isaac on the altar.

Jonah fled from God's command to preach to the Ninevites. For three days Jonah reconsidered God's orders from the belly of a big fish. When at last he was freed, he sped with haste to the wicked city of Nineveh.

Esther risked death as she came uncalled for into the presence of the king. His raised sceptre granted a reprieve. The prodigal son's father loved him enough that he cleared the record of all past sins and received him as a beloved son. To the woman taken in adultery, Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more."

Pardon and forgiveness are likewise ours, just for the claiming. ("Saved By The Blood.")

The Invitation

Human nature and personal ego make us desire to be accepted by our peers. We long to be included in the happenings about us. Many feelings have been hurt and friendships severed because of a lost or neglected invitation.

The plea, "Come, be a part of," is issued time after time to all who will hear. In Isaiah 1:18, the Lord says, "Come now and let us reason together." In Isaiah 55:1, He invites everyone that thirsts to come to the water. He promises eternal life to all who believe (John 3:16).

When choosing His disciples, Jesus said, "Come, follow me." to the rich young ruler, He offered, "Come, take up the cross." He reveals His compassion for the world in Matthew 11:28, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

To those who endure, an even greater invitation is extended, "Come, ye blessed of my father, inherit the kingdom" (Matt. 25:34). An RSVP is requested to assure your admittance. ("Come and Dine.")

The Resignation

When we leave a position or make a transition, courtesy dictates we submit a letter of resignation. This makes it easier for our employer and fellow workers.

Jesus knew His departure was at hand and tried to prepare His disciples to carry on in His absence. (Read Luke 18:31; Luke 22:22, 29).

This resignation signaled His departure from this world to begin His reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Willing replacements, dedicated to continuing His Work, are still desperately needed. ("Banner of the Cross.")

A Love Letter

Nothing is more thrilling than re-

ceiving a love letter! Everyone, no matter how young or old, needs to hear, "I love you." Our written letters may be destroyed, but we still hide the words in our hearts and treasure them all our lives.

As an interesting exercise, go through the Gospel of John and each time you see the word "love" (or lovedst, loveth, etc.), underline it. How many did you find? What does this tell you?

Meditate a moment on a special letter you may have received in the past. Now close your eyes. Try to picture Jesus, your Savior, hanging on the cross, arms outstretched, holding a letter, postmarked heaven, with your name and your address on it. That was the greatest love letter ever written.

(Special music: "The Greatest Love Letter.")

Conclusion:

"If I But Read"

by Martha Snell Nicholson

The Lord I love went on ahead
To make a home for me. He said
He would come back again, and He—
Oh gracious love, He wrote to me!
He knew I was so weak and blind
And foolish that I could not find
The road alone. He told me things
That all earth's wise men and its kings
Have never guessed, yet I foreknow
If I but read His Word. And, oh,
Such depths of love on every sheet!
My soul is trembling at His feet.
What would He think of me
If when I saw Him I should say,
"I was too busy every day
To read what Thou didst write to me"
I really hadn't time for Thee!"

Program for August

Karon Anderson

Objective: To recognize a critical spirit and see how it can be eliminated from our lives.

Scripture: Romans 14:1-15, read responsively

Hymn: More Like the Master

Introduction: A Monologue

If you would ask what my favorite color is, I would reply without hesitation, red. Red is a vibrant, full-of-life color. Red always attracts my eye. Now if you would ask me what color best describes me, I would not be so quick to respond. I'd have to think about that. What color describes a person, her personality and character?

We use blue to describe someone down in the dumps. Green depicts envy. Black denotes sin. Yellow says you're a coward. But what color describes a personality of a person?

For example, how would you color a person who is always happy, bubbly, outgoing and friendly? A bright shiny, deep yellow? Or a sparkling emerald green? Is that what you think?

No way! I'd call her a brilliant red! Anyone is her right mind would know she is a red. What about a person who is critical and

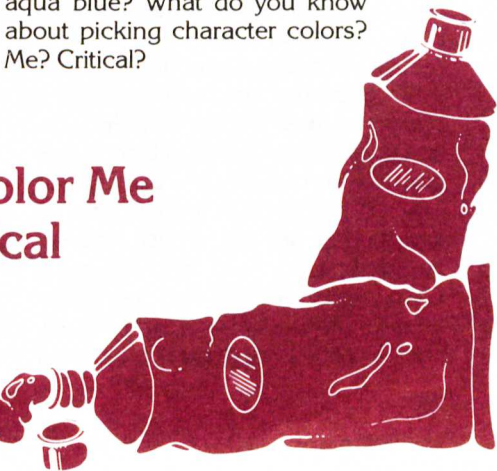
complaining? It must be a cruddy color. You think it should be a fiery color like reddish-orange?

You're kidding! A critical person always puts down others, so she needs a down-color, like dark brown or a deep aqua blue. A person who would suggest a bright color like reddish orange is just not with it!

Just think about it, a critical person always puts down others. She makes sharp, cutting remarks. You wouldn't use a reddish-orange to describe sharp and cutting. No! A deep dark aqua blue is better. Can't you see the difference?

Okay now, do you think you can do a better job picking colors to describe one's character? You think you can? What! You think my character trait is a deep dark aqua blue? What do you know about picking character colors? Me? Critical?

Don't Color Me Critical



What Color Is She?

Now that we've had an example of a critical person, let's examine some of the reasons why one consistently criticizes others. First, she may have been raised in a household where one of her parents demonstrated this kind of behavior. This just became a natural way of speaking.

Perhaps she is critical because she has gone through some bitter and demeaning experiences which cause her to retaliate in the same manner. She finds it difficult to trust others or believe they could possibly love or care for her. She wants to look good and important and thinks putting down others makes her look better.

One who consistently criticizes, finds fault, demeans or ridicules others actually dislikes himself.

The Critical Person

How do you approach a person who is critical? To begin with, we should never return the criticism by demeaning her. This only increases her embittered feelings and hostility. Neither should we point out this fault to her. Perhaps it would be possible if it were done in love, but even then it could backfire. Too often, it only results in estrangement or alienation.

Perhaps the best way to help a person with a critical attitude is to sincerely pray for her. Ask God to give you wisdom in how to display this love. Put your love into action by smothering her with praise and encouragement. Build her up every chance you get. Esteem her above yourself and your interests. Usually she will start to feel good about herself

when she is accepted by others. We must look at others through God's eyes and see people as He sees them.

Am I Critical?

How do we analyze ourselves to see if we might be harboring a critical spirit? Be honest and think about your reactions. Do you often find yourself saying, "you should have," or "can't you ever" or "why didn't you . . ." Does it bother you when someone does something differently than you would have done it, whether or not you say anything to her? When you speak of something someone said or something she did, do you speak negatively or critically of her?

Another way to determine the extent of your critical attitude is to ask someone! If you have a friend (or spouse) you can trust, ask her to be honest about it. Assure her you won't be hurt or angry because you sincerely want to improve yourself in this area. Ask her to pray with you about it.

The Bucket Analogy

An unknown author suggests the bucket analogy as a good method for overcoming a critical spirit. Just imagine self as if it were a bucket. How we behave depends on how much or how little we have in our bucket. If our bucket is filled to overflowing, we will be joyful, energetic, and exuberant. Our attitude toward others will be characterized by tolerance, forgiveness, understanding and support.

But if the bucket is empty, we tend to become defensive, threatened, fearful, hurt, angry, and, yes, critical.

If we applied the idea of self as a

bucket, we would behave quite differently than is usually expected. For example, suppose an attack or criticism is directed toward us. Rather than feeling hurt or counterattacking, we would calmly view the upset or critical person from a non-emotional vantage point. "Oh, you poor thing!" we think, "you must have an empty bucket!" We are able to see that his state of distress has little to do with us, even though he seems to think it does!

If we adopt this bucket view of self, we understand that the motive underlying his attack is more directly related to his empty bucket rather than to something we might have done or said to warrant criticism.

The person with an empty bucket has a low self-esteem. One who consistently criticizes, finds fault with, demeans, ridicules or maliciously gossips about another person actually dislikes himself.

Furthermore, his behavior may be characterized as an attempt to engage in bucket dipping. In addition to our buckets, each of us is equipped with a dipper. A critical person keeps his dipper working overtime in a futile attempt to diminish another person and seemingly enhance himself. He

may put down the other person, but fails to enhance himself. It is impossible to fill one's own bucket by dipping into another's.

A concerned person exercises every opportunity to fill another's bucket. How do we do this? We fill another's bucket by expressing genuine praise, compliments, smiles of acceptance, and acts of kindness. Contradictory as it may seem, the surest way to add to our own buckets is by adding drops to another's bucket.

The next time you have the occasion to relate to someone with a critical, belligerent, obnoxious, or non-cooperative attitude, realize you are witnessing the behavior of one whose bucket is empty. We can best respond to that person with a positive, encouraging, build-him-up attitude. Hopefully he will begin to feel sufficiently good about himself so that he will respond in like manner.

Conclusion

The key to eliminating a critical spirit is found in Romans 2:3-5. (**Read these verses.**) If we have the mind of Christ, we will see others as He sees them and love them with His love.

Color Them Critical!

From the following passages, try to determine who had a critical spirit.

What was the result? What lesson can we learn from each passage?

Scripture	Culprit/Criticism	Result
1 Samuel 1:12-18	verse 14	verse 17
Numbers 12	verse 1	verse 10
1 Samuel 17:28-52	verse 28	verse 52
Job 15	verses 1, 5, 6	Job 42:7, 10
Acts 21:27-40	verse 27	verse 39

What's in a Name?

Six Words for A Missionary

Objective: To see the meaning of missions by examining some of the titles.
Scripture: The Great Commission found in the four Gospels and Acts:
Matthew 28:19, 20; Mark 16:5; Luke 24:48; John 20:21; Acts 1:8
Hymn: "Here Am I, Send Me."

Introduction

A missionary is one sent. But there are also Buddhist missionaries and Moonie missionaries. So we have to ask, sent by whom? Sent to whom? Sent for what? Witness, evangelist, herald, pioneer, ambassador, servant—these six Biblical images can help us see what a Christian missionary is.

These titles naturally reflect the first-century Roman world. For us today, some of them quickly make sense; others are a bit remote. Why did the first Christians use these varied analogies for what we today call a missionary? Taking their viewpoint should broaden our understanding.

WITNESS



**Very simply, a
missionary is one
who is sent.**

"Witness, take the stand."

That is how the judge calls one to speak as truthfully and as completely as possible about an event the witness has observed. The court wants facts not opinions. The data must be based on personal experience. The court does not require the witness to testify about things he does not know, even though such speculations might seem to round out the event.

While repeating His global commission to the eleven disciples after His resurrection, Jesus called them "witnesses." (**Read Acts 1:8.**) Jesus was deliberately using an important Old Testament word once applied to the nation Israel.

"You are my witnesses," declares the Lord. (**Read Isa. 43:10-12.**) But Israel had failed to witness to the rest

of the world. They had failed to know, believe and understand his uniqueness and his sovereign work. So how could they be His witnesses to such glory (Is. 43:21)? No conviction, no witness. Now in the new era of grace, the same Lord God declares that we Christians shall be His witnesses to all people.

EVANGELIST



Evangelist is not a synonym for missionary. But their association in Scripture is very close. An evangelist is one who tells good news. We may say, then, that the first evangelists were those angels (messengers) who with celestial brilliance announced the birth of Jesus to some astonished shepherds. (Read Luke 2:10, 11).

The angels were persuasive evangelists, for the shepherds moved fast. After they had witnessed the wondrous event for themselves, they immediately became the next evangelists, bearing the exciting good news to others.

Not all missionaries have to be totally engaged in direct evangelism. But every missionary should support those who are involved in some out-

reach to seekers. The early Christian church grew by geometric proportions because both designated apostles and hundreds of nameless missionaries were evangelists. (Read Acts 11:19-21).

PIONEER

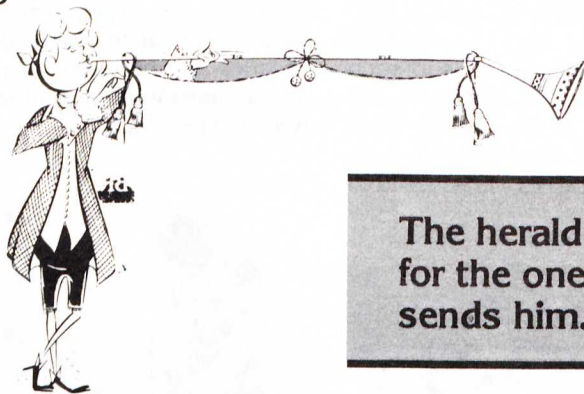


Jesus is the great "pioneer" of our faith. He blazed the way for the apostle Paul and other pioneers of His gospel. That's why the four Gospels and Acts are such great missionary books, recording their exploits for God's kingdom.

The pioneers of western North America pale by comparison. Most usually settled down in fertile country and became rich landowners. But in Acts, God's pioneers never settled down. They kept going as long as there was territory yet to be recovered for His kingdom.

Paul's example and words spoken after years of pioneering become our inspiration. (Read Acts 20:22-24).

HERALD



**The herald speaks
for the one who
sends him.**

Herald sounds medieval, like a man one sees in a Shakespearean play. He wears a plumed hat, tights and fancy vest, blowing a trumpet to get people's attention. Then he loudly proclaims what the king wishes his subjects to do.

The word is used in the New Testament mostly in verb form and is translated "preach." It is one of the most common pictures of a missionary in the New Testament. Twice Paul applied the noun form—herald—to himself (1 Tim. 2:7, 11).

Paul used the same vigorous analogy for the particular benefit of his young co-worker Timothy, who at that point was discouraged enough about the ministry to give it all up. Paul is evidently reminding Timothy that he too has been appointed as God's herald.

The herald speaks for the one who sends him. He is responsible to reach the maximum number of the king's subjects living in that area. He communicates as clearly as possible with no attention to himself. His message has authority not because he speaks in a loud voice but because he speaks in the name of the highest authority in

the land. Thereafter, it is the listeners' responsibility to obey the king's message.

AMBASSADOR



Paul also twice calls himself and his co-workers ambassadors for Christ (2 Cor. 5:20. **Also read Ephesians 6:19, 20).**

Many people are impressed with

ambassadors because they're usually quite influential. But in Paul's day they had less power than they have today. They were the king's envoys to another country for special occasions—delivering congratulations, soliciting favors, making alliances or protesting some wrong. They represented the king but had no power to negotiate for that occasion. Paul calls himself an ambassador, not because the position was prestigious, but because for him it was both an imperative and a privilege to deliver God's special message. Even when he was in prison, he continued to be Christ's ambassador.

God still needs ambassadors to deliver His special message of reconciliation. To those men and women who, like Paul, have the passion for it, He gives authority to speak on His behalf to His subjects in another country.

SERVANT



Paul was the great missionary and church statesman. But he delighted to call himself a servant—literally a slave—one that belongs totally to another. More specifically he called himself Christ's slave (1 Cor. 4:1).

Yet he also considered it a unique privilege to be a servant to others for the sake of their salvation and their growth (2 Cor. 4:5). That was not just sentimental Pauline prose, for he wrote these words to some of the most petty, quarrelsome, backbiting Christians he knew! They were young converts he had labored for through persecution and much agony.

How many of us could say that we want to be servants to such ungrateful wretches? It's much easier to be a servant to nice people. Had he not given himself first as a bondsman to Jesus his Lord, he could not have become a servant to others. Nor can we. On the other hand, if we are not serving others we cannot be serving Jesus Christ.

As St. Augustine said: "He is most truly free who is a slave to Jesus Christ." And, with Paul, we have the peerless example of Jesus himself (Matt. 10:45).

And so, anywhere in the world, our mission is one of compassion: to urge men and women to decide for this ultimate kingdom where Jesus Christ supremely and joyously reigns.

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A Woman



**God
Has Used**

Ten years after the WNAC was organized in 1935, a newly-married pastor's wife from Mississippi was introduced to auxiliary work. From that day until this, Elizabeth Gibson has served almost continuously—usually as president—in the local, district and state, and first served as a national officer as early as 1953. In more recent years, she has trained and encouraged young women in these leadership positions.

Liz has the bearing of a true Southern Belle. You expect to see this tall, gracious, soft-spoken lady on a plantation instead of the country court house where she is employed as bookkeeper. In this domain her consistent Christian testimony does not go unnoticed. She looks forward to retirement next year.

Both Mrs. Gibson and her husband, Luther, are native Mississippians who have devoted their lives to its people, except for a brief sojourn in Missouri—first in Tupelo for 18 years and now in Booneville where they have pastored since 1970. Their only child, Lisa Carol, teaches school in Tupelo.

Elizabeth's mother has made her home with them for many years. This has freed the pastor's wife for more time in visiting, counseling, and teaching. She has taught many groups, but especially enjoys the young adult classes.

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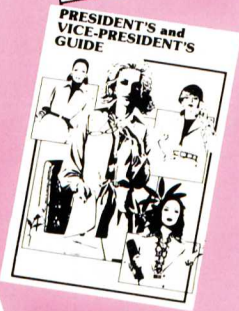
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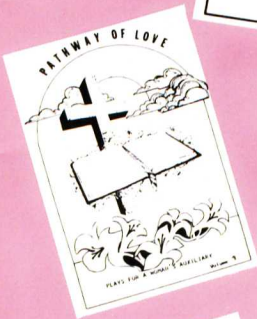
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